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# Honors Program News



SUNY College at Brockport

September 2001

## Honors Orientation 2001

On Thursday August 23, 2001, SUNY Brockport Honors Students were able to get a jump start on their fall semester by moving a day before the regular freshmen. This early move in also kicked off a very successful Honors Program Orientation.

Friday morning students welcomed each other through a sequence of "Ice breaking" activities. Shortly afterwards students were able to make personal scrapbooks with their Peer Mentors. Look for these wonderful books online! Finished products are currently being scanned and processed for Angel.

The orientation continued with brief introductions from Hazen Health Center, The Student Learning Center, and a description of requirements from the Office of Student Retention. Students and faculty were then able to enjoy a BBQ lunch.

After lunch, President Paul Yu came to wish all well and show off his collection of cartoons related to student expectations in college.

The HON 112 Intro. To Honors professors; Dr. Niu, Dr. Kurtz, and Dr. Black discussed their expectations for student performance in their classes answered questions by freshmen about academic work at SUNY Brockport.

The Peer Mentor Coordinators, Jodie Miller and Jeff Elsenheimer would like to thank all those in attendance. We would also like to thank the Honors professors (past and present) for attending the BBQ lunch and sharing time out of their busy schedule to meet these new bright students.



*James Pennise's Peer-Mentoring Group at Orientation*

## New Honors Office and Student Lounge

The Honors Program has recently moved into new offices in Holmes Hall. You can now find Dr. Anderson wandering the halls of Holmes instead of Cooper. The new Honors Program Office is in 219 Holmes, where you will also find Darlene Waters, the new Honors Program secretary keeping everything ship-shape..

Across the hall we have our new Honors Lounge. Students are welcome to hold meetings, work on papers, hold study groups or just take a nap on our new couch. The student lounge has four worktables, two computers with Internet access and scanning capabilities, and couch and easy chairs to crash in. The lounge also has a microwave and coffee machine for those who need to refuel their system, and we will soon have a popcorn machine.

## Honors Angel

We always joke around that Dr. Anderson needs a guardian angel, but now things have gotten out of hand. The Honors Program has adopted new "Angel" system as its major communication network, replacing the listserv of past. More information about the Angel system will be provided in Honors 112, Peer Mentoring groups, and other Honors Classes. To check your connection go to <http://angel.brockport.edu> or contact the Honors Office and look for information, course listings, forms, and announcements there.

## Honors Semester for NCHC

NCHC Honors Semesters are offered to allow Honors students from across the United State to have a semester long learning experiences away from their own campus. These semesters combine small seminars, field studies, research projects, and a carefully planned living-learning environment that fully exploits the resources of the semester's locale. Plus the cost is reasonable!

Past Honors Semesters have been offered in Washington, D.C., the Grand Canyon, the Texas-Mexico Borderlands, Appalachia, the Maine coast, the Iowa heartland, Puerto Rico, Morocco, Greece, and the United Nations in New York City.

The 2002 Honors Semester will take place in Korea and is titled "Asian Heritage/Global Thinking." Co-sponsored by Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus and Kimyung University, the Semester will take place February 14 to June 2, 2002.





## NE- NCHC Trip in Brooklyn

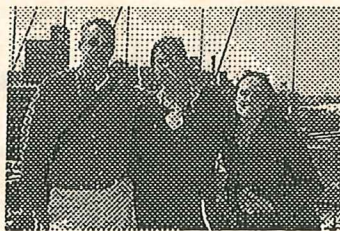
Last Spring three students from the Honors Program attended the North East Regional National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in Brooklyn. Jodie Miller, Jeff Elsenheimer, and Kara Greeley flew down to Brooklyn for the three-day conference based out of the Marriott Hotel.

On Friday students were able to explore the city as a part of the "City as Text" experience in one of the oldest and biggest cities in the nation. Jeff and Jodie started in Central Park (where they saw the filming of "Stuart Little II") and toured around Times Square, Radio City Music Hall, the Empire State building, shopping in China Town, and finishing off their busy day with a tour around the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. They managed to get back to the hotel, go for a swim and make the Presidential dinner.

Kara and Dr. Anderson attended a tour of the NY Times and managed to catch a glimpse of the inner workings of this magnificent newspaper. Dr. Anderson even caught a sight of a couple of WWF professional wrestlers outside of the NY Times building who were willing to "stop for a few pictures."

Kara, Jeff and Jodie all presented "poster sessions" on both Saturday and Sunday morning. Kara made a poster about her thesis dealing with the brain's reaction to trauma. Jeff and Jodie made a joint poster discussing the highlights of last year's very successful Peer Mentoring Program. Faculty and students from around the Northeast were very interested to hear about this student developed, student run, and student-based program.

Saturday the trio managed to catch a magnificent tour of the Brooklyn Bridge and the artwork

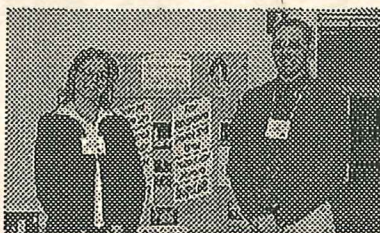


*Jeff, Jodie & Kara on Brooklyn Bridge*

leading up to it. The 2-mile tour highlighted not only artwork and statues around the parks leading up to the bridge, but also the apartment complexes and high amount of Jehovah Witnesses throughout the area.

Sunday the four (including Dr. Anderson) decided it was time to head back to SUNY Brockport for final exam week. We did manage to pick up a DELICIOUS cheesecake from "Juniors" to share at our Honors Program end-of-the-year party. So you could say that we did not leave empty handed...

All three highly encourage students to become involved and attend this year's National conference in Chicago and the North East conference at the Sagamore in Lake George. Contact the Honors Office for more information.



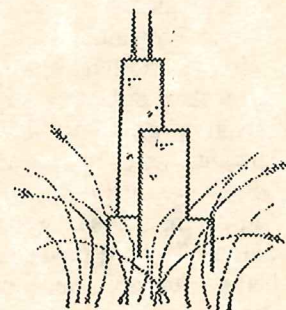
*Jodie and Jeff at Poster Sessions*



*Jodie attempting to jump off the Empire State building.*

## NCHC 2001 in Chicago

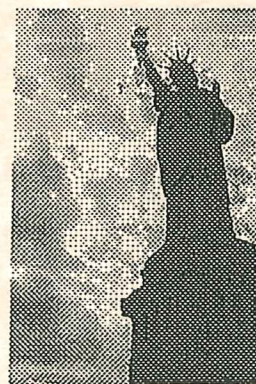
The 2001 NCHC conference will be held in Chicago at the Palmer House Hilton October 31- November 4. The conference theme is "Fields of Discovery." The Field Museum, Wrigley field, Soldier Field, and Marshall Field's Chicago offer diverse "fields" of discovery to the almost 2000 Honors Students and Faculty from across the United States who will be attending.



*Fields of Discovery*

The 2001 conference also invites us to use Chicago and the historic Palmer House Hotel as laboratories in which to explore the past and the present, texts and contexts, teaching and learning, communities and social action, through conference discussions and site explorations.

Honors Students doing presentations can apply for SUNY Brockport Travel Grant and have up to \$500 paid for by the college if the student is presenting or doing a poster session. If you are interested in attending, see Dr. Anderson as soon as possible in order to make the appropriate arrangements.



*Statue of Liberty from the Liberty Ferry Boat.*